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Title: ANTISENSE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE INHIBITION OF
SPECIFIC HISTONE DEACETYLASE ISOFORMS
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**APPLICANTS' REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116
TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED 6 MAY 2003**

Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed 6 May 2003.
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the presently rejected claims 1-3 and 5-7 in view of the following amendment and remarks.